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To: Federal communications Commission

Comment on RM-10521

After careful consideration of RM-10521 and the reasons presented by Dr. Trahos, I respectfully request that the commissioners reject this petition based on the following:

The frequencies proposed, only a very small part of the Amateur Radio Service allocation in the 70 CM band, are in a part of the spectrum wherein licenses are required for operation even at very low power levels. This section of spectrum is additionally part of our military's allocation, and the US Military has primary control of its use. The amateur service operates in this part of the radio frequency spectrum strictly on a secondary basis.

Unlicensed operation of transmitting equipment in other areas of the world is not encouraged or permitted and is in fact discouraged. Many comments have been made about our FRS grant and the low cost of the equipment. I will not echo those comments except to agree that travelers can purchase those devices and use them legally within our borders.

As far as good will, FRS in and of itself makes no such claims. It is a touted as a convenience for families and friends—nothing more nor less.

Amateur radio, on the other hand, has been a good will ambassador for many years and has a tradition for good will, well established for more than eighty years. Additionally, Amateur Radio will continue to be given full support by our government.

Virginia is quickly running out of spectrum in this band (and has run out in large metropolitan areas). We cannot stand to have unlicensed ½ watt radios added to the mix.

I have been a licensed ham for the past 41 years. For the past fourteen years, I have been coordinating repeater frequencies in the Commonwealth of Virginia. I am serving my fifth year as president of the SouthEastern Repeater Association, Inc., the nation's largest amateur radio frequency coordination entity—responsible for coordinating repeater frequencies in eight southeastern states.

Sincerely,

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